IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Edward T. Sullivan et al.
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Examiner:	Kevin C. Harper
Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING TRAFFIC IN A VIRTUAL TUNNEL OF A TRANSMISSION LINE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments as set forth below.